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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Guerin D. Rife

Group Art Unit:

Serial No.: 10/051,011

Examiner:

Filed : 01/22/2002

Title : IRON TYPE GOLF CLUB

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn: Group Director, Group 3711 (MPEP § 1002.02(c))

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL FOR NEW APPLICATION  
UNDER MPEP § 1002.02, VIII

## 1. Petition

Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application,  
which has not received any examination by the examiner, special.

## 2. Claims

Check and complete all applicable items (a) through (c).

- (a) X All the claims in this case are directed to a single invention.
- (b) X If the Office determines that all the claims presented are not obviously directed to a single invention applicant will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.
- (c)      If claim(s)          are found not to be examinable in this case with claim(s)          applicant hereby elects claim(s)          for the prosecution of this case.

## 3. Search

Check all applicable items (d) through (g).

A search has been made by

- (d)      the inventor
- (e) X attorney
- (f)      professional searcher
- (g)      foreign patent office

in the following:

*complete all applicable items below*

- (h) field of search: Class 473, subclasses 324, 334, 349 and 350; Class D21, subclasses 747, 748 and 749
- (i) publications: Examiner's references in the above subclasses and, in addition, Golf Digest, Golf and Pedersen's Golfing.
- (j) foreign patents: Examiner's references in the above subclasses.
- (k) search by corresponding foreign patent office or at the former International Patent Institute at The Hague, Netherlands

#### 4. Copy of references

There is submitted herewith a copy of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims.

X Also attached is Form PTO-1449

#### 5. Detailed discussion of the references

There is submitted herewith a detailed discussion of the references which discussion particularly points out how the claimed subject matter is distinguishable over the references.

**NOTE:** As to other references not treated above an Information Disclosure Statement should be filed.

**NOTE:** Where there is an intention of overcoming one of the references by a declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 the declaration must be submitted before the application is taken up for action, but in no event later than one month after the request for special status. MPEP § 708.02, VIII.

X Also attached is an Information Disclosure Statement.

6. Fee

The fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(i)(2) is to be paid by

X the attached check for \$130.00  
— charging Deposit Account 01-2221 the sum of  
\$130.00. A duplicate of this petition is  
attached.

Respectfully submitted,



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